



St. Paul

LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Altar Guild 4/2: J. Kaepernick, J. Fischer
4/19, 4/20: V. Sheldon, B. Techlin
Greeters Next Week: 8am – G. & L. Zimmerman, L. Gauerke
10:30 – C. Rehberg, M. Fay
6pm – C. Waack, M. McCarthy*

Church News

Church Cleaners: M. Reick, V. Sheldon, K. Paulson

Attendance Last Week: 242

Midweek: 175

In honor of Rosie Schultz's birthday, \$25 has been given toward the radio broadcast fund from the Women's Ministry.

Weekly Church Calendar

Sunday March 15th
8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Bible Class
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday March 16th
6:00 p.m. Worship Service
Spring Break – School/Office Closed

Tuesday March 17th
6:30 p.m. Church Council
Spring Break – School/Office Closed

Wednesday March 18th
3:30 p.m. Midweek Lent Worship
4:30 p.m. Lent Fellowship Meal
6:00 p.m. Midweek Lent Worship
Spring Break – School/Office Closed

Thursday March 19th
9:00 a.m. Bible Class
2:00 p.m. Rennes Worship
6:30 p.m. LWMS Meeting
Spring Break – School/Office Closed

Friday March 20th
Spring Break – School/Office Closed

Sunday March 22nd
8:00 a.m. Worship Service
9:15 a.m. Bible Class
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Monday March 23rd
6:00 p.m. Worship Service

Women's Bible Study: Please note that the Tuesday Women's Bible Study group will not be meeting over spring break (3/17).

Spring Break Office Closure: The St. Paul office will be closed during the week of spring break (3/16 – 3/20). If you have a health or spiritual emergency, please contact one of the pastors:

Pastor Holtz: 970-576-1154 mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com

Pastor Shrum: 920-512-4318 jshrum@stpaulappletonwi.com

Lenten Worship & Meals: You are invited to join us for midweek Lenten worship at St. Paul on Wednesdays at 3:30pm and 6pm. A fellowship meal with a free will offering is served between services. Menu can be found below.

3/18 – OPEN (*spring break*)

3/25 - Northright Financial/Londre family & Girls A Team Basketball serving smoked ribs

Meal Train for Pastor & JoAnn Ninmer: We are coordinating a meal train for the Ninmers, as Pastor Ninmer continues his battle with cancer. Meals would be dropped off at their home in Neenah on Mondays or Thursdays, beginning March 16th. Please contact the office to sign up for a day 920-733-9061 or office@stpaulappletonwi.com (note office closure 3/16-20). They are very grateful for your help and prayers. No dietary restrictions. Thank you for considering!



2026 Easter Flower Memorials: The church will be filled with beautiful flowers on Easter morning, from lilies to hydrangeas to assorted fresh arrangements. This year, we will have two different price points for anyone who would like to make a donation toward the flowers in honor of or in memory of someone. We have 5 - \$20 openings and 4 - \$40 openings. As always, there is also the opportunity to give directly to the altar flower fund should the openings be filled. If you are interested in giving a memorial this Easter season, please contact the office (920-733-9061 or office@stpaulappletonwi.com). Thank you!

Call Update: Pastor Holtz has received a call to serve as pastor at Crown of Life Lutheran Church in Pueblo West, CO. Please keep him in your prayers as he deliberates his current call here at St. Paul, as well as Crown

of Life. Feel free to reach out with your words of encouragement mholtz@stpaulappletonwi.com. Mr. Matthew Ivan has RETURNED his call to St. Paul, Lake Mills, and will remain in his current call here at St. Paul.

Midweek Lent Live Stream: The St. Paul live worship feed on [YouTube](#) will typically be the 3:30 service, with the exception of 3/18. This service will be streamed at 6pm. All services are archived and can be viewed any time.

Note from Help for the Homeless: S.O.S! We're very short of volunteer help with sorting donated hygiene supplies on Thursday, March 19. No deep thinking needed – just hands willing to unload the collection boxes and then carry/roll the donations to their specific tables – toothpaste, shampoo, etc. Kids 10 and older are welcome but must be supervised by adults.

- Here is the [SignUp Genius link to sign up to help](#). Thurs. March 19 in Appleton (and a tiny bit on Fri. morning March 20)
- Variety of shifts and tasks, from 8am- 5pm. 1-3 hours per shift... we're flexible!
- We expect \$200,00+ worth of supplies coming in approx. 400 collection boxes.
- For a peek at what sorting day looks like, here's the [2.5-minute Fox Cities H4H thank you video](#) from last spring.

NOTE: Watch for a confirmation email from SignUp Genius. You'll be able to make edits here if necessary.

3k – 1st Grade Family Carnival Night: We are looking for a few volunteers to help at our Family Carnival Night on Friday, March 27 at 5:00pm in the school gym. The event is for our ECC 3k/4k families as well as our Kindergarten and 1st grade families. If you are interested in helping with this event please contact Sabrina Skaletski via email at sskaletski007@gmail.com or by phone (920) 676-3703. Completion of the Safe Child Program is required. Thank you!



EASTER BREAKFAST Join us Easter morning for a breakfast of scrambled eggs, cheesy hashbrowns, ham, bacon, cinnamon rolls, fruit, coffee, juice and milk. Breakfast will be served

in the school gymnasium from 8-9:15am. If you would like to help with

the breakfast, volunteer sign-up sheets are in the back of church. Volunteers are needed to help with set up, prepare and serve food and clean up afterwards. Thank you!

LWMS Meeting – Save the Date! The first LWMS meeting of 2026 will be held on Thursday March 19th at 6:30pm in the church basement. All confirmed women of our congregation are welcome to attend!



MLC Holy Week Devotions: "Of First Importance: Christ's Death and Resurrection for Us" is the newest digital

devotion book. It contains a devotion for each day of Holy Week, March 29-April 5. This Holy Week, walk with us through one of the Christian church's earliest creeds ever written, 1 Corinthians 15:3-11. Congregation members can access devotions easily and conveniently using [digital formats](#), beginning March 23. You can . . .

- Request that MLC send the eight devotions to your personal [email](#) on a daily basis, Palm Sunday to Easter, March 29-April 5.
- Read them in the online flipbook, which will be available shortly before Holy Week.

WELS Group Tour to the Ark+ Father's World Tours and the OWLS (WELS Seniors Group) invite W/ELS members of all ages to join us for an April 17-26 trip to the beautiful Bluegrass State of Kentucky. Our deluxe motorcoach originates in MN and continues through WI with free parking and pickups offered at WELS churches/schools in New Ulm, Mankato, Rochester, LaCrosse, and Madison. You can also opt to start and end in Brookfield/Milwaukee (April 18-25). Highlights include daily devotions, weekend worship, visits to the Ark Encounter, Creation Museum, Cumberland Falls, Old Friends (horse farm), Keeneland (horse racing), and much more. All meals are also included! Don't delay. Registration closes at midnight on the ides of March (3/15). Visit www.fathersworldtours.com or contact Steve Balza at 507-217-1731 for more information or to register.

FVL News

Coming events - go to fvlhs.org/news to find details

FoxFest Dinner Auction "Great Outdoors" - April 17

FVL Choirs Sacred Concert on Sunday, March 29, at 6:00 PM (new time) in the Auditorium.

Free Seminar on Tax Law Changes & Christian

Estate Planning - March 31. Information and registration at fvlhs.org/seminar

Special School Office & SCRIP Hours - Offices closed for **Spring Break from Mar.16-20.**

WELS Bandfest at Winnebago Lutheran Academy (WLA), with a concert on Sunday, March 29, at 2:00 PM. Concert will be livestreamed on the WLA YouTube channel (youtube.com/@WLATV).

FVL Tuition Planning & Tips Seminar - Interested parents of students in grades 6-8 are invited to join President Loberger in a Financial Zoom Meeting on Monday, April 6, at 6:30 PM. No registration needed. Find the meeting codes on our website (fvlhs.org/news).

The application windows for the Ladies Guild Memorial Scholarship (for new students only) and for FVL Tuition Assistance are open February 2 through May 1. Details are at fvlhs.org/admissions/paying-for-high-school.

The Wisconsin Parental Choice Program *March* application window is open March 1-20. Go to fvlhs.org/WPCP for details and the registration link.

Summer Camps and Youth Sports opportunities including a Cheer Camp (March 28), Softball Clinic (April 18), Spring Track Camp, and Saints Football are shared on fvlhs.org/youth-sports.

FVL is accepting applications for two positions - Financial Controller and On-Site Substitute Teacher/Office Assistant. Go to fvlhs.org/about/employment for details and the application link.

FVL's International Program offers your family the opportunity to make global connections without leaving home! Consider hosting an international student so they can get a Christ-centered education at FVL. Contact Monica Uhlenbrauck (muhlenbrauck@fvlhs.org).



GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Opportunities to Give to Two Special Projects: At our Voters' Meeting on February 22nd, we approved funding plans for two special projects.

Project #1 is the ***Remodeling of our School Bathrooms***. Our School Bathrooms have served us well for over 70 years. The time has come for us to totally renovate our 2 main bathrooms and 4 accessory bathrooms. The cost of this entire project will be \$211,000. Through monies from current special funds we are able to already have \$147,000 on hand for this project. We are asking for people to prayerfully consider donating toward the remaining cost of this project, **\$64,000**.

Project #2 is an ***Intercom System for our School and ECC***. Our current system is in need of replacement. Not only is this system utilized for announcements, it is mostly important for critical notifications according to our ALICE Emergency Procedures. The total cost for this project will be \$18,000. Through monies from current special funds we are able to already have \$8,000 on hand for this project. We are asking for people to prayerfully consider donating toward the remaining cost of this project, **\$10,000**

Any donation large or small for these projects will be greatly appreciated. You can give electronically through our ***church app*** (1. click on "Give" 2. Enter dollar amount 3. Select Fund 'School Bathrooms' or 'School Intercom' 4. Enter your Payment Info.

You can also use an ***offering envelope*** available at the Information Desk (1. Use cash or check 2. Fill out appropriate personal info 3. Write in the Project you wish to give towards).

Connect Groups at St. Paul



We are excited to introduce a new part of our ministry called **Connect Groups**. Our goal is not simply to be a friendly church, but to be a **church of friends**—a community where members share life, encourage one another, and grow together in Christ. As Scripture reminds us, “Be devoted to one another in love” (Romans 12:10) and “Encourage one another and build each other up” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Connect Groups are designed to help make that kind of fellowship happen. These small groups will be **led and organized primarily by our members**, with pastors providing encouragement and occasional training. Groups will meet for about **three months at a time**, and they may take different forms depending on members’ interests and passions.

There are three types of *Connect Groups*:

- **Study Groups** – discussion-based gatherings centered on God’s Word and applying it to everyday life.
- **Service Groups** – groups that work together to serve people in our church or community.
- **Social Groups** – groups that connect through shared interests, recreation, or fellowship activities.

Please see the [Connect Group Manual](#) for more information.

For *Connect Groups* to succeed, we need members who are willing to **facilitate or host a group**. You don’t need to be an expert or teacher or host a Study Group - just someone willing to bring people together and help foster conversation and fellowship.

If you are interested in facilitating a *Connect Group*, please fill out the **Connect Group Planning Form** available at the Information Desk or online here: <https://forms.gle/h4QpaH8cNL7aDTGg7>. Please fill out your forms by April 15th.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to one of the pastors. We’re excited to see how the Lord will use these groups to strengthen relationships and build Christian community here at St. Paul.

Welcome

In an age of anxiety we still believe that peace comes from Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

In an age of confusion we still believe that the Bible is the word of God, inerrant and infallible.

In an age of doubt we still believe that Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.

In an age of guilt we still believe that Jesus died on the cross to pay for the sins of the world, bringing complete pardon and joy to all believers.

In an age of reason we still believe that God is at work in the sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.

In an age of change we still believe in one unchanging God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Whether you are a first time visitor or returning guest, we are delighted to share our worship with you. Please come back and worship with us again.

Scan the QR code below for access to the Church Center App.



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WOSH 1490 AM & 93.9 FM**

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